

# Volleyball Team moves on to SWC final

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Staff and Wire Reports

The Texas A&M Volleyball Team is exactly where it wants to be.

The Lady Aggies defeated Texas Tech Sunday night in the semifinals of the Southwest Conference Tournament at Hofheinz Pavilion on the campus of the University of Houston.

A&M improved to 22-5 on the season by breezing past the Lady Red Raiders in three straight games, 15-0, 15-11, 15-7.

The Lady Aggies were led by sophomore outside hitter Kristie Smetsrud, who recorded 17 kills, 11 digs and a .529 hitting percentage, and senior outside hitter Andrea Williams, who led the team with a .583 hitting percentage.

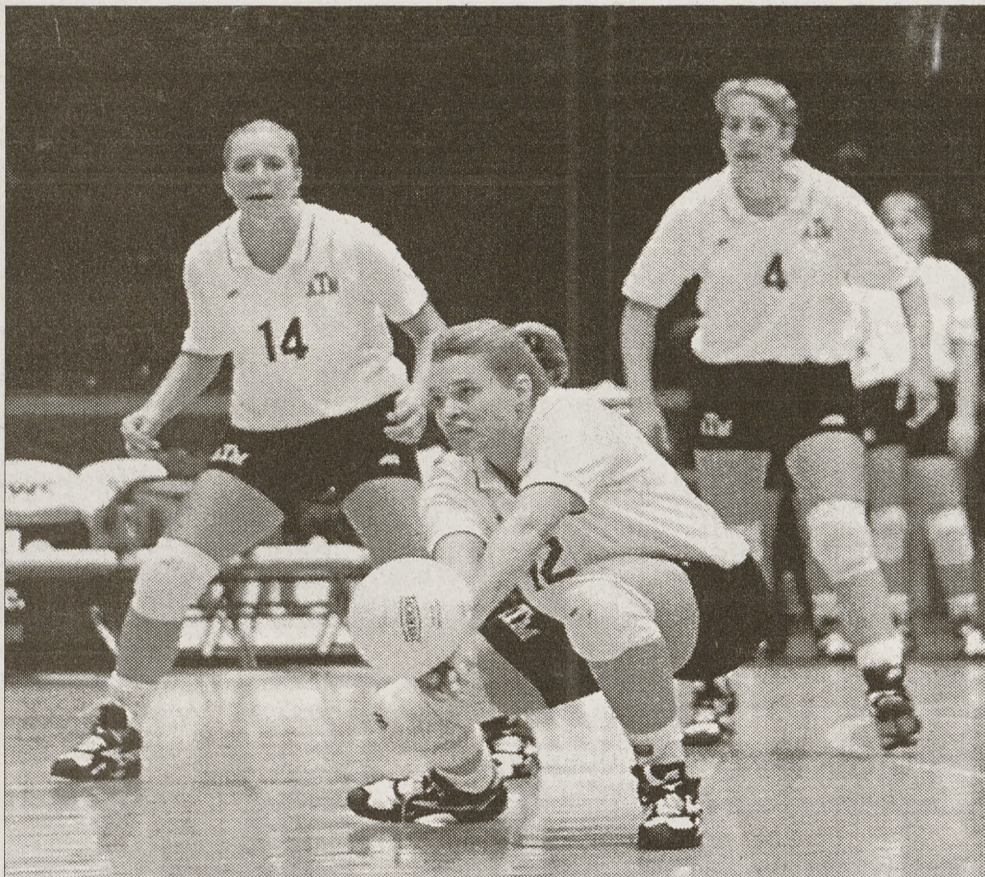
"I felt it in practice that we were ready to play our best," A&M Head Coach Laurie Corbelli said. "This was one of our best performances on the court."

As a team, the Lady Aggies hit .550 in the first game, compared to a horrid .077 for the Lady Red Raiders.

Senior setter Suzy Wentz showed the form that earned her Southwest Conference Player of the Year honors earlier in the day — recording 42 assists and five digs.

The Lady Aggies will play SWC regular-season championship Texas in the final tonight at Hofheinz at 7:30 p.m. Texas was the only team to beat A&M in the regular season, defeating A&M twice, each time in five games.

Texas Tech was led by Diane Ownes, who recorded seven kills and five digs, and setter Lisa Hilgers, who had 26 kills and four digs. As a team, Tech managed only a .035 hitting percentage, compared to a season-high .302 percentage for the Lady Aggies.



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Senior outside hitter Andrea Williams digs a ball during A&M's win over Texas Tech in the SWC Volleyball Tournament Sunday while Dana Santleben and Page White look on.

# SWC finale looking like championship shootout

□ The Aggies and Longhorns appear headed for a title game Dec. 2.

DALLAS (AP) — If Texas and Texas A&M can win their second-to-last Southwest Conference games this week, the league has a chance to end its 81st and final football season in style.

The ninth-ranked Longhorns and No. 15 Aggies, who moved up three spots with a 56-14 whipping of Middle Tennessee State Saturday, could square off for a SWC title one last time in two weeks.

Baylor still stands in Texas' way. Their Thanksgiving Day game is shaping up to be the Longhorns' toughest conference test before A&M, and Texas quar-

terback James Brown has just four days to recover from a sprained ankle suffered in a 27-19 victory over Texas Christian University Saturday.

"If there's any way possible he can play, he'll play," Texas offensive lineman John Elmores said.

Baylor (7-3, 5-1) can win a piece of the league title if it can upset Texas in Austin Thursday.

"I just told the guys in the locker room that this is why they came to Baylor, to have a chance to play for the conference title on national television," Baylor coach Chuck Reedy said after a 34-6 victory over Rice.

"This is what we've been working for all year."

The Aggies (7-2, 4-1) must deal with Texas Christian (6-4, 3-3), which would like nothing better

than to ruin A&M's title chances in what could be their last-ever meeting in football.

"I'm glad we can now focus on what's ahead," said Aggies coach R.C. Slocum of A&M's decisive final games.

Usually it's the running back who lauds his offensive linemen after a big rushing day, as Texas Tech's Byron Hanspard did following a 180-yard day in the Red Raiders' 45-14 victory over SMU.

In Waco, the Bears played a little role reversal.

"It was all Jerod (Douglas). It wasn't us," said Baylor offensive tackle Fred Miller after Douglas' 197-yard, two-touchdown performance.

Despite his 5-9, 174-pound frame, Douglas has put up power numbers for Baylor. He became

the fifth Baylor back to rush for 1,000 yards in a season and set the record for all-purpose yardage at 1,512.

Baylor coach Chuck Reedy is appreciative: "He does things that you look at and say, 'How did he do that?'"

There was a lot happening in the Cotton Bowl Saturday. In one empty section, fans made a play for the cameras by folding up seats to create a pattern that spelled "ESPN."

In parts of the other 15 completely empty seating sections, fans created numerous Texas Tech double-T logos, a tribute to Mustangs linebacker Eric Tomlin and a giant stick figure. Police chased down three kids who spelled out "SMU SUX" in the upper deck.

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